

QUET CHRISTMAS FOR WASHINGTON

President and Mrs. Taft Spend Day With Their Family.

TRANQUILLITY IN ROME

Pope Presides at Early Mass, Then Passes Time in His Apartments.

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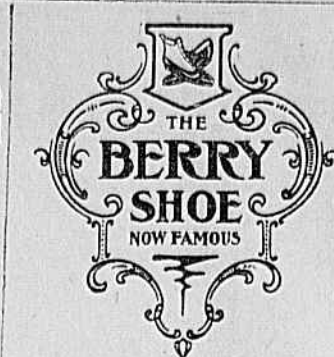
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Guests of Mexico.

Mexico City, December 25.—Twenty-three officers, 144 cadets and twenty-two members of the Mexican navy spent Christmas Day as the guests of the Mexican government.

Christmas Tree for Sailors.

Cherbourg, December 25.—The municipality of Cherbourg arranged an interesting entertainment for the American bluejackets today. This included a torchlight parade and a Christmas tree, souvenirs being distributed to each of the men.

Sailors Celebrate.

Brest, December 25.—Christmas Day was celebrated by the sailors of the third division of the United States Atlantic fleet with elaborate festivities. They were the guests at dinner of the sailors of the naval depot.

No Fireworks Permitted.

Paris, December 25.—The Christmas holidays are passing very quietly here. Yesterday the streets were alive with holiday shoppers, and the city was decorated with lights. The American bluejackets today. This included a torchlight parade and a Christmas tree, souvenirs being distributed to each of the men.

Services in Churches.

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Damaged by Fire.

Danville, Va., December 25.—The residence of Mrs. J. W. Dyer, on South Main Street, was slightly damaged by fire yesterday afternoon. The fire started in one of the upstairs rooms and spread to the kitchen. The loss is covered by insurance.

Observed Quietly.

Lynchburg, Va., December 25.—Christmas was observed in a quiet way today, the day being a real old-fashioned Christmas. Tomorrow will be observed as the holidays and there will be a general suspension of business in all circles.

Dinner for Prisoners.

Lynchburg, Va., December 25.—The thirty-two prisoners in the city jail were today given a turkey dinner with all of the Christmas accessories. City Sergeant Johnson being ninth host.

Prisoners Released.

Roanoke, Va., December 25.—Chief of Police H. N. Dyer this morning turned a dozen offenders out of jail without bond. They could spend Christmas Day with their families.

LOOKING FOR HIS WIFE

Edward Palmer says he kidnapped child and eloped.

Special to The Times-Dispatch.

Baltimore, Md., December 25.—Edward Palmer, a theatrical manager, known throughout the South, and until three months ago a resident of Lynchburg, Va., appeared to the police today, asking that every effort be made to capture his wife, Mabel Palmer, who, he charged, was eloped with a man from Petersburg, Va., taking with her their seven-year-old son, Mack Palmer.

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STRENUOUS FIGHT FOR SENATORSHIP

John T. McGraw and Clarence Watson Leading Candidates in West Virginia.

Wheeling, W. Va., December 25.—The West Virginia Legislature will assemble the second week of January with the Legislature changed from the sixty-sixth to the sixty-seventh session.

The victory was so unexpected to the Democracy that there had been no preliminary election of the seat in the United States Senate, now occupied by Nathan B. Scott, Republican, of Wheeling, until the return of the legislature, when the campaign was made public.

The campaign has been strenuous, and will gain in intensity until the Democratic caucus in January. Among the candidates are John T. McGraw, the Democratic national committee man; Clarence W. Watson, of Fairmont, head of one of the largest coal mines in the world; Henry G. Davis, of Elkins, has been mentioned in this connection. He was the Democratic candidate in 1924, and he is eighty-seven years old.

A Democratic Governor.

Hartford, Conn., December 25.—When the General Assembly convenes here on January 1, it will elect a Democratic Governor, ex-Judge of the Supreme Court Simeon E. Baldwin, while the Legislature and the Senate will be Republican, both by good margin.

Interest will center in the selection of a United States Senator to succeed Senator Morgan G. Bulkeley. Senator Bulkeley is opposed by ex-Governor George P. McLean.

Interest also centers in the administration of Governor Baldwin for many reasons, one of which is due to the fact that the Governor-elect said during the last campaign that he was retrogressive.

To Elect Aldrich's Successor.

Providence, R. I., December 25.—Notwithstanding a recent redistricting of Rhode Island, which convenes on January 3, will be strongly Republican. A successor to the seat in the United States Senate made vacant by the death of Nelson W. Aldrich is to be chosen. The grand committee of the Legislature will be composed of thirty-seven Republicans and fifty-one Democrats. The only avowed candidates now are Judge LeBaron B. Colt, of the United States Circuit Court, and Henry F. Lippitt, a prominent manufacturer.

Students Swing on Fire Escape.

Camden, N. J., December 25.—Albert Hibbs, a white man, aged thirty years, was murdered today while returning home from work on a fire escape. Hibbs was shot by two negroes, who were attempting to separate them. The larger of the fighters threw Hibbs to the ground and then shot him. Hibbs was a negro settlement in South Camden, and was known to the murderer.

Recognize Their Son.

Savannah, Ga., December 25.—Alarmed by the silence of James O'Hara, who came to Savannah several days ago, and had not been heard from by his family, O'Hara's father and brother came here today from Lumpkin, Ga., to search for him. As their train neared Savannah, it ran over a white man, mangled both of whom and fracturing his skull. The two O'Haras left the train to see the victim, and recognized him as James O'Hara. It is said he will die.

A Day of Calamities.

Alexandria, Va., December 25.—Charles S. Howell, son of Charles W. Howell, of this city, was seriously injured in a runaway accident this morning. The car was driven by a negro, who was attempting to separate them. The larger of the fighters threw Hibbs to the ground and then shot him. Hibbs was a negro settlement in South Camden, and was known to the murderer.

Valuable Papers Lost.

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Many Visit Ruins.

By 9 o'clock the north wing was but a smoldering ruin, and two hours later the last flame had died down to a pile of smoking ruins. Thousands of people visited the campus during the day, and the crowd of sightseers was so large that there were many conjectures as to the cause. Stories of an overturned lamp were told among the students, but could not be traced to their source.

Thanks to Firemen.

President Boatwright was also authorized to send a letter of thanks to the Richmond Fire Department for valuable services rendered, with a check for \$100 for the firemen's relief fund. Should a fire be raised to the use of college funds for such a purpose, members of the finance committee made themselves personally liable for the subscription. Dr. Boatwright stated after the fire that the men had worked under most adverse conditions, in the most spirit, and had performed a remarkable feat in checking the fire where they did, when the whole building seemed doomed.

Open as Usual.

The finance committee decided to notify all students that the college would open as usual, after the holidays, on the morning of January 3. Only the south wing of the central building will be used. Thomas Hall will be turned into a chapel and assembly hall, and the museum curios will be packed away and the space out into temporary lecture-rooms, and the other large classrooms being also divided into two, by temporary partitions.

Ample Insurance.

The main building, known as Ryland Hall, was insured for \$50,000, through Williamson Talley & Co. There is also a policy of \$5,000 on furniture and fixtures in Ryland Hall. The temporary quarters, the college will not greatly suffer, since it had been planned to abandon the present location within three years to move to Westhampton Park. The loss of the college is amply covered by insurance, but the loss to individual students will be most embarrassing. President Boatwright said yesterday that unless they were aided, it would be impossible for some of them to continue their education.

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